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S. 1195

To provide for the transfer of certain Department of the Interior land located in Grant County, New Mexico, to St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Silver City, New Mexico, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 11 (legislative day, JULY 10), 1995

Mr. DOMENICI introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Father Aull Site
5 Transfer Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

1 (1) the buildings and grounds developed by Fa-
2 ther Roger Aull located on public domain land near
3 Silver City, New Mexico, are historically significant
4 to the citizens of the community;

5 (2) vandalism at the site has become increas-
6 ingly destructive and frequent in recent years;

7 (3) because of the isolated location and the dis-
8 tance from other significant resources and agency
9 facilities, the Bureau of Land Management has been
10 unable to devote sufficient resources to restore and
11 protect the site from further damage; and

12 (4) St. Vincent DePaul Parish in Silver City,
13 New Mexico, has indicated an interest in, and devel-
14 oped a sound proposal for the restoration of, the
15 site, such that the site could be permanently occu-
16 pied and used by the community.

17 **SEC. 3. CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY.**

18 As soon as practicable after the date of enactment
19 of this Act, and subject to valid existing rights, the Sec-
20 retary of the Interior shall convey by patent to St. Vincent
21 DePaul Parish in Silver City, New Mexico, without consid-
22 eration, all right, title, and interest of the United States
23 in and to the land (including improvements on the land)
24 consisting of approximately 43.06 acres, located approxi-
25 mately 10 miles east of Silver City, New Mexico, and de-

1 scribed as follows: T. 17 S., R. 12 W., Section 30: Lot
2 13, and Section 31: Lot 27 (as generally depicted on the
3 map dated July 1995).

4 **SEC. 4. RELEASES.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Upon the conveyance of any land
6 or interest in land identified in section 3 to St. Vincent
7 DePaul Parish, St. Vincent DePaul Parish shall assume
8 any liability for any claim relating to the land or interest
9 in the land arising after the date of the conveyance.

10 (b) NEPA.—The conveyance described in section 3—

11 (1) is deemed to have no significant impact on
12 the environment; and

13 (2) shall not be subject to the National Envi-
14 ronmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et
15 seq.).

16 **SEC. 5. MAP.**

17 The map referred to in this Act shall be on file and
18 available for public inspection in—

19 (1) the State of New Mexico Office of the Bu-
20 reau of Land Management, Santa Fe, New Mexico;
21 and

22 (2) the Las Cruces District Office of the Bu-
23 reau of Land Management, Las Cruces, New Mex-
24 ico.

